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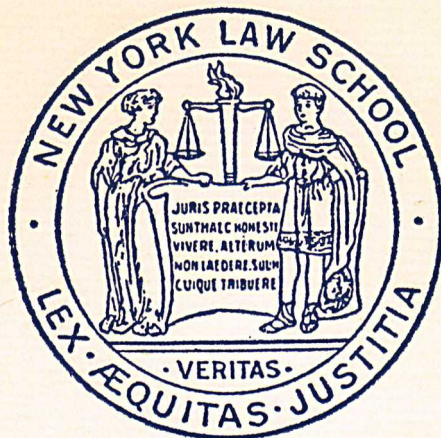
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on

THE HONORABLE W. AVERELL HARRIMAN

Ambassador at Large

Former Governor of the State of New York

PIERRE HOTEL

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November 13, 1967—6:00 p.m.

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Towering in frame, possessed of unflagging energy, keen in intellect, devoted to his country with passionate zeal, courageous in action with a deep understanding of his fellow-men, and dedicated public servant—in some small measure describes W. Averell Harriman, Ambassador at Large and former Governor of the State of New York.

Born in New York City before the close of the last century, he has kept abreast with every succeeding decade. Graduated from Yale University in 1913, he became Vice President of the Union Pacific Railroad two years later, following which he was made Chairman of the Board. In 1920 he founded the firm W. A. Harriman and Company, which later became Brown Brothers, Harriman and Company.

In 1933, Ambassador Harriman entered the public service, holding various important offices under the Roosevelt administration. In 1941, he was appointed Special Representative of the President to Great Britain and as such served as Minister. During the crucial years from 1943 to 1946 he served as United States Ambassador to the U.S.S.R., and thereafter as Ambassador to Great Britain.

Under the Truman administration, he served successively as Secretary of Commerce, as United States Representative in Europe, as Assistant to the President, as Chairman of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and as Director of the Mutual Security Administration.

In 1954 he was elected Governor of the State of New York and served with much distinction. In 1961 President Kennedy appointed him Ambassador at Large. Later he served as Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs. He is now Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs.

As roving Ambassador, he has travelled throughout the world on behalf of our government, with unparalleled success and matchless devotion, and he is among the best informed of our citizens on world affairs.

A gentleman of unimpeachable character, a patriot of the highest order whose place in history is already well established, beloved by all who know him, New York Law School is pleased to confer upon W. Averell Harriman the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

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